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Dear Senator Di Natale

Please find attached a response to your costing request, *Confronting our Domestic Violence Crisis* (letter of 30 June 2016).

The response to this request will be released on the PBO website (www.pbo.gov.au).

If you have any queries about this costing, please contact Colin Brown on (02) 6277 9530.

Yours sincerely

Phil Bowen

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Policy costing—during the caretaker period for the 2016 general election

Name of proposal:	Confronting our Domestic Violence Crisis
Summary of proposal:	<p>The proposal has a number of components.</p> <p><u>Component 1: Fund a national peak body</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This component would provide \$2.0 million per year (\$8.0 million over four years) to fund a national peak body for specialist domestic violence services. <p><u>Component 2: Provide funding for specialist domestic violence services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This component would provide \$500.0 million per year (\$5.0 billion over 10 years) from 1 September 2016 for a new ten-year National Partnership Agreement (NPA) for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women between the Commonwealth and state and territory governments. <p><u>Component 3: Establish specialist domestic violence courts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This component would provide \$10.0 million per year (\$20.0 million over two years) for a program of training, information sharing and extra resources to assist state and territory governments to set up specialist domestic violence courts. <p><u>Component 4: Making our family law system safe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The component would:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– provide \$5.0 million per year (\$20.0 million over four years) to create a special process in family courts for domestic violence cases– provide \$10.0 million per year (\$40.0 million over four years) for legally assisted and supported family dispute resolution.

	<p><u>Component 5: Primary prevention and gender equality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This component would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – provide additional funding of \$1.0 million per year (\$6.0 million over six years) to Our Watch – provide \$2.0 million per year (\$8.0 million over four years) for The Line social marketing campaign – provide \$2.5 million per year (\$10.0 million over four years) for a national rollout of respectful relationships in schools – provide \$3.0 million per year (\$18.0 million over six years) for an expert primary prevention workforce. <p>All administered components of this proposal would be indexed in line with growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).</p> <p>All components of this proposal, unless otherwise specified, commence on 1 September 2016.</p>
Person/party requesting costing:	Senator Richard Di Natale, Australian Greens
Date of public release of policy:	26 May 2016 and 20 June 2016 http://greens.org.au/domestic-violence http://greens.org.au/prevent-violence
Date costing request received:	30 June 2016
Date costing completed	1 July 2016
Additional information requested (including date):	On 1 July 2016 the Parliamentary Budget Office sought clarification on the start date for the National Partnership Agreement component of this costing.
Additional information received (including date):	On 1 July 2016 the office of Senator Di Natale confirmed that the National Partnership Agreement component of the costing would start on 1 September 2016.
Expiry date for the costing:	Release of the next economic and fiscal outlook report

Costing overview

The proposal would decrease both the fiscal and underlying cash balances by \$2,204.3 million over the 2016-17 Budget forward estimates period. This impact is due to an increase of \$2,197.0 million in administered expenses and \$7.3 million in departmental expenses.

Components 2 and 5 would have financial implications that extend beyond the 2016-17 Budget forward estimates period until 2025-26, with the annual impact being the equivalent of the impact in 2019-20 growing in line with CPI.

A detailed breakdown of the financial implications of this proposal over the 2016-17 Budget forward estimates period for the total (Table A1) and by component (Tables A2-A6) is provided at [Attachment A](#).

The costing is considered to be of high reliability as it is based on specified capped amounts and the application of administrative costs based on similar programs. The reliability of the costing decreases the further into the future the estimates are projected.

Table 1: Financial implications (outturn prices)^{(a)(b)}

Impact on (\$m)	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	Total
Fiscal balance	-537.4	-549.7	-551.8	-565.5	-2,204.3
Underlying cash balance	-537.4	-549.7	-551.8	-565.5	-2,204.3

(a) A positive number represents an increase in the relevant budget balance; a negative number a decrease.

(b) Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Key assumptions

Despite the 1 September 2016 start date of the proposal, it has been assumed that a full year of funding would be provided in 2016-17.

Methodology

Administered expenditure estimates are as specified in the request. The departmental expenditure estimates are in addition to the capped amounts, as specified, and are based on other like initiatives and estimates account for the net effect of indexation parameters and the efficiency dividend, in accordance with the Department of Finance's costing practices.

Data sources

- The Department of Finance provided indexation and efficiency dividend parameters.

Attachment A: Confronting our Domestic Violence Crisis— financial implications

Table A1: Confronting our Domestic Violence Crisis—Financial implications (outturn prices)^{(a)(b)}

(\$m)	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	Total to 2019–20
Impact on fiscal and underlying cash balances					
Administered	-535.5	-547.8	-550.0	-563.7	-2,197.0
Departmental	-1.9	-1.9	-1.8	-1.8	-7.3
Total	-537.4	-549.7	-551.8	-565.5	-2,204.3

(a) A positive number indicates an increase in revenue or decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual and cash terms. A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual and cash terms.

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Table A2: Component 1: Fund a national peak body—Financial implications (outturn prices)^{(a)(b)}

(\$m)	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	Total to 2019–20
Impact on fiscal and underlying cash balances					
Administered	-2.0	-2.0	-2.1	-2.1	-8.2
Departmental	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-2.0	-2.0	-2.1	-2.1	-8.2

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- Indicates nil.

Table A3: Component 2: Provide funding for specialist domestic violence services—Financial implications (outturn prices)^{(a)(b)}

(\$m)	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	Total to 2019–20
Impact on fiscal and underlying cash balances					
Administered	-500.0	-511.5	-523.3	-536.3	-2,071.1
Departmental	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-2.4
Total	-500.6	-512.1	-523.9	-536.9	-2,073.5

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Table A4: Component 3: Establish specialist domestic violence courts—Financial implications (outturn prices)^{(a)(b)}

(\$m)	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	Total to 2019–20
Impact on fiscal and underlying cash balances					
Administered	-10.0	-10.2	-	-	-20.2
Departmental	-0.1	-0.1	-	-	-0.2
Total	-10.1	-10.3	-	-	-20.4

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- Indicates nil.

Table A5: Component 4: Making our family law system safe—Financial implications (outturn prices)^{(a)(b)}

(\$m)	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	Total to 2019–20
Impact on fiscal and underlying cash balances					
Administered					
Create special processes in family courts for domestic violence cases	-5.0	-5.1	-5.2	-5.4	-20.7
Provide legally assisted and supported family dispute resolution	-10.0	-10.2	-10.5	-10.7	-41.4
Total - administered	-15.0	-15.3	-15.7	-16.1	-62.1
Departmental					
Create special processes in family courts for domestic violence cases	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Provide legally assisted and supported family dispute resolution	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Total - departmental	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9
Total	-15.2	-15.5	-15.9	-16.3	-62.9

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- Indicates nil.

Table A6: Component 5: Primary prevention and gender equality—Financial implications (outturn prices)^{(a)(b)}

(\$m)	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	Total to 2019–20
Impact on fiscal and underlying cash balances					
Administered					
Expand funding for <i>Our Watch</i> until 2022	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.1	-4.1
Additional funding for <i>The Line</i> social marketing campaign	-2.0	-2.0	-2.1	-2.1	-8.3
National rollout of respectful relationships	-2.5	-2.6	-2.6	-2.7	-10.4
Building an expert primary prevention workforce	-3.0	-3.1	-3.1	-3.2	-12.4
Total - administered	-8.5	-8.7	-8.9	-9.1	-35.2
Departmental					
Expand funding for <i>Our Watch</i> until 2022	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9
Additional funding for <i>The Line</i> social marketing campaign	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9
National rollout of respectful relationships	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1
Building an expert primary prevention workforce	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1
Total - departmental	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-3.9
Total	-9.5	-9.7	-9.9	-10.1	-39.1

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